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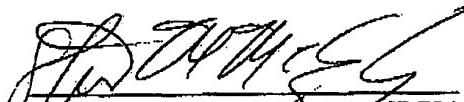
REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Patent Office feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Patent Office is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.21 (c)(1)(ii) a marked up version of the amended specification and claims are attached to this response. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that this application has now been placed in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Patent Office withdraw their objections and rejections.

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**MARKED UP CLAIMS**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as shown in marked-up form below:

1. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for optical scanning of multiple specimens comprising:

a specimen receiving device for holding the specimens, the specimen receiving device defining an axis of rotation and being rotatable about the axis of rotation; and

a scanning device provided for optically scanning the specimens, the scanning device defining a further axis and being rotatable about the further axis, the scanning device being arranged movably relative to the specimen receiving device, wherein the scanning device or the specimen receiving device is linearly displaceable.

2.(Twice Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein [the scanning device or the specimen receiving device is linearly displaceable and wherein] the scanning device defines a movement in a first radial direction and the specimen receiving device defines a movement in a second radial direction, and the relative movement between scanning device and specimen receiving device resulting from the first radial direction and the second radial direction is linear.